

DEPARTMENTAL INPUT
CONTRACT/PROJECT MEASURE ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

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LIVING WAGE APPLIES: ___ YES ___ x ___ NO

Requisition/Project No: **Requisition # RQSP1200003**

TERM OF CONTRACT: 3 years w/3 one year options

Requisition/Project Title: **Special Events Food Catering RFP**

Description:

User Department(s): Port of Miami

Issuing Department: _____

Estimated Cost: \$50,000

Contact Person: Mayra C Rose

Phone: 305-375-4268

Funding Source: General

ANALYSIS

Commodity/Service No: 961-15		SIC:	
Trade/Commodity/Service Opportunities			
Contract/Project History of Previous Purchases For Previous Three (3) Years Check Here <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> if this is a New Contract/Purchase with no Previous History			
	EXISTING	2 ND YEAR	3 RD YEAR
Contractor:			
Small Business Enterprise:			
Contract Value:			
Comments:			
Continued on another page (s): ___ Yes ___ x ___ No			

RECOMMENDATIONS

SBE	Set-Aside	Sub-Contractor Goal	Bid Preference	Selection Factor
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Basis of Recommendation:

Signed: _____

Date to DBD: 11/8/2011

Date Returned to DPM: _____

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (EPP-RFP) NO. _____
FOR
CATERING FOR SPECIAL EVENTS**

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD:

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON

November ____, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. (local time)

at

Dante B. Fascell Port of Miami-Dade
Port Directors Office
1015 North America Way, 5th Floor Conference Room
Miami, FL 33132

ISSUED BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY:

Internal Services Department (ISD)

For

Seaport Department

COUNTY CONTACT FOR THIS SOLICITATION:

Mayra Rose, Procurement Contracting Manager
Address: 111 NW 1st Street, Suite 1300, Miami, Florida 33128
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E-mail: mcrose@miamidade.gov

PROPOSALS ARE DUE AT THE CLERK OF THE BOARD NO LATER THAN:

_____, 2011 at 2:00 PM (local time)

at

CLERK OF THE BOARD
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 NW 1st Street, 17th Floor, Suite 202
Miami, Florida 33128-1983

The Clerk of the Board business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additionally, the Clerk of the Board is closed on holidays observed by the County.

All proposals received and time stamped by the Clerk of the Board prior to the proposal submittal deadline shall be accepted as timely submitted. The circumstances surrounding all proposals received and time stamped by the Clerk of the Board after the proposal submittal deadline will be evaluated by the procuring department in consultation with the County Attorney's Office to determine whether the proposal will be accepted as timely. Proposals will be opened promptly at the time and date specified. The responsibility for submitting a proposal on or before the stated time and date is solely and strictly the responsibility of the Proposer. The County will in no way be responsible for delays caused by mail delivery or caused by any other occurrence. All expenses involved with the preparation and

submission of proposals to the County, or any work performed in connection therewith, shall be borne by the Proposer(s).

The submittal of a proposal by a Proposer will be considered by the County as constituting an offer by the Proposer to perform the required services at the stated prices. A Proposer may submit a modified proposal to replace all or any portion of a previously submitted proposal up until the proposal due date. The County will only consider the latest version of the proposal.

Requests for additional information or inquiries must be made in writing and received by the County's contact person for this Solicitation. The County will issue responses to inquiries and any changes to this Solicitation it deems necessary in written addenda issued prior to the proposal due date. Proposers who obtain copies of this Solicitation from sources other than the County's Internal Services Department website at www.miamidade.gov/isd or the Vendor Assistance Unit risk the possibility of not receiving addenda and are solely responsible for those risks.

1.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW AND GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.1 Introduction

Miami-Dade County, hereinafter referred to as the County, is soliciting proposals for Special Events Catering Services for the Seaport or other departments, as may be applicable, from experienced full-time food and beverage catering firms. The selected Proposer shall provide full service catering, similar to those normally provided to private sector accounts, including top-grade food and beverage service, preparation of event area, equipment, delivery, set-up, serving, break-down, clean-up and trash removal. Selected Proposer shall provide fine china, flatware, stemware and disposable service. Selected Proposer shall provide uniformed waitpersons, bus persons, beverage servers, carving butler and other appropriate staff and supervision for the smooth operation of catered functions. Tables should be presented in a decorative manner with linens and skirting; seated tables to include centerpieces.

The County anticipates award of a three (3) year contract period, with one three-year option to renew, at the County's sole discretion.

The anticipated schedule for this Solicitation is as follows:

Solicitation issued:

Pre-Proposal Conference:

See front cover for date, time and place. Attendance is recommended but not mandatory. If you need a sign language interpreter or materials in accessible format for this event, please call the ISD ADA Coordinator at (305) 375-1530 at least five days in advance.

Deadline for receipt of questions:

November ____ 2011

Pre-proposal conference:

TBD

Proposal due date:

See front cover for date, time and place.

Evaluation process:

December __, 2011

Projected award date:

January , 2012

1.2 Definitions

The following words and expressions used in this Solicitation shall be construed as follows, except when it is clear from the context that another meaning is intended:

1. The word "Contractor" to mean the Proposer that receives any award of a contract from the County as a result of this Solicitation, also to be known as "the prime Contractor".
2. The word "County" to mean Miami-Dade County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida.
3. The word "Proposer" to mean the person, firm, entity or organization, as stated on Form A-1, submitting a response to this Solicitation.
4. The words "Scope of Services" to mean Section 2.0 of this Solicitation, which details the work to be performed by the Contractor.
5. The word "Solicitation" to mean this Request for Proposals (RFP) or Request for Qualifications (RFQ) document, and all associated addenda and attachments.
6. The word "Subcontractor" to mean any person, firm, entity or organization, other than the employees of the Contractor, who contracts with the Contractor to furnish labor, or labor and materials, in connection with the Services to the County, whether directly or indirectly, on behalf of the Contractor.
7. The words "Work", "Services", "Program", or "Project" to mean all matters and things that will be required to be done by the Contractor in accordance with the Scope of Services and the terms and conditions of this Solicitation.

1.3 General Proposal Information

The County may, at its sole and absolute discretion, reject any and all or parts of any or all responses; accept parts of any and all responses; further negotiate project scope and fees; postpone or cancel at any time this Solicitation process; or waive any irregularities in this Solicitation or in the responses received as a result of this process. A proposal shall be the Proposer's firm commitment to provide the goods and services solicited in the manner requested in the Solicitation and described in the proposal. In the event that a Proposer wishes to take an exception to any of the terms of this Solicitation, the Proposer shall clearly indicate the exception in its proposal. No exception shall be taken where the Solicitation specifically states that exceptions may not be taken. Further, no exception shall be allowed that, in the County's sole discretion, constitutes a material deviation from the requirements of the Solicitation. Proposals taking such exceptions may, in the County's sole discretion, be deemed nonresponsive. The County reserves the right to request and evaluate additional information from any respondent regarding respondent's responsibility after the submission deadline as the County deems necessary.

Proposals shall be irrevocable until contract award unless the proposal is withdrawn. A proposal may be withdrawn in writing only, addressed to the County contact person for this Solicitation, prior to the proposal due date or upon the expiration of 180 calendar days after the opening of proposals.

Proposers are hereby notified that all information submitted as part of, or in support of proposals will be available for public inspection after opening of proposals, in compliance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, popularly known as the "Public Record Law". The Proposer shall not submit any information in response to this Solicitation which the Proposer considers to be a trade secret, proprietary or confidential. The submission of any information to the County in connection with this Solicitation shall be deemed conclusively to be a waiver of any trade secret or other protection, which would otherwise be available to Proposer. In the event that the Proposer submits information to the County in violation of this restriction, either inadvertently or intentionally, and clearly identifies that information in the proposal as protected or confidential, the County may, in its sole discretion, either (a) communicate with the Proposer in writing in an effort to obtain the Proposer's written withdrawal of the confidentiality restriction or (b) endeavor to redact and return that information to the Proposer as quickly as possible, and if appropriate, evaluate the balance of the proposal. Under no circumstances shall the County request the withdrawal of the confidentiality restriction if such communication would in the County's sole discretion give to such Proposer a competitive advantage over other proposers. The redaction or return of information pursuant to this clause may render a proposal non-responsive.

Any Proposer who, at the time of proposal submission, is involved in an ongoing bankruptcy as a debtor, or in a reorganization, liquidation, or dissolution proceeding, or if a trustee or receiver has been appointed over all or a substantial portion of the property of the Proposer under federal bankruptcy law or any state insolvency law, may be found non-responsible. To request a copy of any ordinance, resolution and/or administrative order cited in this Solicitation, the Proposer must contact the Clerk of the Board at (305) 375-5126.

1.4 Cone of Silence

Pursuant to Section 2-11.1(t) of the Miami-Dade County Code, as amended, a "Cone of Silence" is imposed upon each RFP or RFQ after advertisement and terminates at the time a written recommendation is issued. The Cone of Silence prohibits any communication regarding RFPs or RFQs between, among others:

- potential Proposers, service providers, lobbyists or consultants **and** the County's professional staff including, but not limited to, the County Manager and the County Manager's staff, the Mayor, County Commissioners or their respective staffs;
- the Mayor, County Commissioners or their respective staffs **and** the County's professional staff including, but not limited to, the County Manager and the County Manager's staff; or
- potential Proposers, service providers, lobbyists or consultants, any member of the County's professional staff, the Mayor, County Commissioners or their respective staffs **and** any member of the respective selection committee.

The provisions do not apply to, among other communications:

- oral communications with the staff of the Vendor Assistance Unit, the responsible Procurement Agent or Contracting Officer, provided the communication is limited strictly to matters of process or procedure already contained in the solicitation document;
- oral communications at pre-proposal conferences, oral presentations before selection committees, contract negotiations during any duly noticed public meeting, public presentations made to the Board of County Commissioners during any duly noticed public meeting; or
- communications in writing at any time with any county employees, official or member of the Board of County Commissioners unless specifically prohibited by the applicable RFP or RFQ documents.

When the Cone of Silence is in effect, all potential vendors, service providers, bidders, lobbyists and consultants shall file a copy of any written correspondence concerning the particular RFP or RFQ with the Clerk of the Board, which shall be made available to any person upon request. The County shall respond in writing (if County deems a response necessary) and file a copy with the Clerk of the Board, which shall be made available to any person upon request. Written communications may be in the form of e-mail, with a copy to the Clerk of the Board at clerkbcc@miamidade.gov.

1.5 Public Entity Crimes

Pursuant to Paragraph 2(a) of Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a proposal for a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a proposal on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit proposals on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and, may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 for Category Two (\$10,000) for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

1.6 Lobbyist Contingency Fees

- A) In accordance with Section 2-11.1(s) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, after May, 16, 2003, no person may, in whole or in part, pay, give or agree to pay or give a contingency fee to another person. No person may, in whole or in part, receive or agree to receive a contingency fee.
- B) A contingency fee is a fee, bonus, commission or non-monetary benefit as compensation which is dependent on or in any way contingent upon the passage, defeat, or modification of: 1) any ordinance, resolution, action or decision of the County Commission; 2) any action, decision or recommendation of the County Manager or any County board or committee; or 3) any action, decision or recommendation of any County personnel during the time period of the entire decision-making process regarding such action, decision or recommendation which foreseeable will be heard or reviewed by the County Commission or a County board or committee.

1.7 Collusion

Where two (2) or more related parties, as defined herein, each submit a proposal for any contract, such proposals shall be presumed to be collusive. The foregoing presumption may be rebutted by the presentation of evidence as to the extent of ownership, control and management of such related parties in preparation and submittal of such proposals. Related parties shall mean Proposer or the principals thereof which have a direct or indirect ownership interest in another Proposer for the same contract or in which a parent company or the principals thereof of one Proposer have a direct or indirect ownership interest in another Proposer for the same contract. Furthermore, any prior understanding, agreement, or connection between two or more corporations, firms, or persons submitting a proposal for the same services shall also be presumed to be collusive. Proposals found to be collusive shall be rejected. Proposers who have been found to have engaged in collusion may be considered non-responsible, and may be suspended or debarred, and any contract resulting from collusive bidding may be terminated for default.

1.8 Expedited Purchasing Program

Pursuant to Ordinance 07-49, the County has created a pilot program for expedited purchasing, subject to terms and conditions as outlined in Section 2-8.1.6 of the Code of Miami-Dade County. The program shall be referred to as the Expedited Purchasing Program (EPP). Due to the expedited nature of County projects issued under the EPP, participating vendors should anticipate a shortened solicitation timeline for responding. Technical, professional and legal staff may be used to determine best value as set forth in the solicitation documents without the need to utilize the formal Selection Committee process established by the County. The County Mayor's or designee's written recommendation to award a contract under the EPP shall be sufficient to commence the bid protest period and terminate the Cone of Silence. Any legislation contrary to the provisions of the EPP shall be deemed suspended or amended as necessary to give effect to the intent of this ordinance during its effective term.

2.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES

2.1 Background

Miami-Dade County, hereinafter referred to as the County, is soliciting proposals for Special Events Catering Services for the Seaport or other departments, as may be applicable, from experienced full-time food and beverage catering firms. The selected Proposer shall provide full service catering, similar to those normally provided to private sector accounts, including top-grade food and beverage service, preparation, equipment, delivery, set-up, serving, break-down, clean-up and trash removal. Selected Proposer shall provide fine china, tables, chairs, flatware, stemware and disposable service and other related items. Selected Proposer shall provide uniformed wait staff, bus persons, beverage servers, carving butler and other appropriate supervision for the operation of smoothly catered functions. Tables should be presented in a decorative manner with linens and skirting; seated tables to include centerpieces.

2.2 Objective

The objective of this solicitation is to create a Pool of selected Proposers to be available to provide the requested services as needed. The Pool will have as many members as the County deems appropriate. The term of the contract will be for a three (3) year period, with three (3) one-year options to renew, at the County's sole discretion.

2.3 Awarded Categories

Contracts will be awarded in categories based on the size of events – "small events" vs. "large events." "Small events" will be categorized as events for up to fifty guests or less and "large events" as over fifty guests. Proposers may submit proposals for either small or large events OR both of these categories.

2.4 Minimum Qualification Requirement

Proposer must be actively engaged in the business of food catering.

2.5 Staff Requirements

Selected Proposer(s) shall provide to its employees a comprehensive training program, which at a minimum addresses, uniforms, and neatness, behavior, and health requirements. Selected Proposer(s) shall also provide costumes or different uniforms for theme events, such as flowered shirts for a Hawaiian luau. Prior to each catering event, the County will work with the selected Proposer in the accommodation of the different themes.

2.6 Menu Descriptions

The following menus are examples of the food and beverage services that may be required during the term of the contract. These menus are provided as examples only and should not be construed as limiting the type of menus that may be subsequently offered or requested. Selected Proposer will be provided specific requirements at the time the event is being planned. Disposable flatware shall be used at all events except cocktail receptions and formal dinners and luncheons unless otherwise specified in the Work Order.

A. Menu 1 – Buffet Luncheon

1. Assortment of deli sandwiches: turkey, roast beef, vegetable; tuna salad;
deli salads: coleslaw and potato salad; Cesar salad
2. Dessert platter; cookies, mini pastries, brownies
3. Assorted sodas, ice tea and water

B. Menu 2 – Heavy Cocktail Reception

1. Chafing dishes with hot appetizers and appropriate dipping sauces: spring rolls, chicken quesadillas, beef sauté sticks
2. Block cheese with crackers/bread
3. Sushi display; gazpacho shooters
4. Add as Option A: buttered hors d'oeuvres with dipping sauces, coconut shrimp, crab cakes, spinach phyllo
Add as Option B: carving station with appropriate sauces: (1) beef item and (1) turkey

C. Menu 3 – Formal Dinner and Luncheons

1. Green salad with vegetables and salad dressing
2. Starch & vegetable
3. Dinner roll & butter
4. Coffee & Dessert
5. Entrée Choices:
Option A. Filet mignon, 8-10 oz.
Option B. Chicken breast, boneless 10 oz
Option C. Salmon

E. Full Bar – 2 hours

Full beverage service: premium liquors, beer, wine, assorted juices, sodas, ice, lemons, limes, and plastic ware.

F. Beer & Wine Bar – 2 hours

Service to include beer and wine only (cabernet, zinfandel and chardonnay)

Selected Proposer(s) shall comply with the attached Minimum Operating Standards for Foodservice (see Attachment A).

2.7 Work Orders

The selected Proposer will be assigned events via Work Orders which will define the project and pricing.

2.8 Cancellation Policy

The County reserves the right to cancel an event with no penalty up to 72 hours in advance.

3.0 RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Submittal Requirements

In response to this Solicitation, Proposer should **return the entire completed Proposal Submission Package** (see attached). Proposers should carefully follow the format and instructions outlined therein. All documents and information must be fully completed and signed as required.

The proposal shall be written in sufficient detail to permit the County to conduct a meaningful evaluation of the proposed services. However, overly elaborate responses are not requested or desired.

3.2 Price Schedule

Proposer price schedule must be submitted utilizing the format and pricing structure depicted in Form B-1 (see attached).

4.0 EVALUATION PROCESS

4.1 Review of Proposals for Responsiveness

Each proposal will be reviewed to determine if the proposal is responsive to the submission requirements outlined in this Solicitation. A responsive proposal is one which follows the requirements of this Solicitation, includes all documentation, is submitted in the format outlined in this Solicitation, is of timely submission, and has the appropriate signatures as required on each document. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in the proposal being deemed non-responsive.

4.2 Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated by a Review Team which will evaluate and rank proposals on criteria listed below. The Review Team will be comprised of appropriate County personnel and members of the community, as deemed necessary, with the appropriate experience and/or knowledge, striving to ensure that the Review Team is balanced with regard to both ethnicity and gender. The criteria are itemized with their respective weights for a maximum total of one hundred (100) points per Review Team member.

Technical Criteria	Points
1. Proposer's Past Performance, Management & Staff Experience, and Training	25
2. Financial Capability	20
3. Proposer's approach and versatility to provide the type of services described in this RFP	15
4. Proposed Operation Plan, Customer Service/Satisfaction Plan	20
Price Criteria	Points
1. Proposed Menu with Pricing (See Proposer Information, Item 20)	20

Total Points:

100

4.3 Oral Presentations

Upon completion of the technical criteria evaluation indicated above, rating and ranking, the Review Team may choose to conduct an oral presentation with the Proposer(s) which the Review Team deems to warrant further consideration based on, among other considerations, scores in clusters and/or maintaining competition. (See **Form A-2** regarding registering speakers in the proposal for oral presentations.) Upon completion of the oral presentation(s), the Review Team will re-evaluate, re-rate and re-rank the proposals remaining in consideration based upon the written documents combined with the oral presentation.

4.4 Selection Factor PENDING SBD REVIEW

This Solicitation includes a selection factor for Miami-Dade County Certified Small Business Enterprises (SBE's) as follows. A SBE/Micro Business Enterprise is entitled to receive an additional ten percent (10%) of the total technical evaluation points on the technical portion of such Proposer's proposal. An SBE/Micro Business Enterprise must be certified by the Department of Small Business Development for the type of goods and/or services the Proposer provides in accordance with the applicable Commodity Code(s) for this Solicitation. For certification information contact the Department of Small Business Development at (305) 375-2378 or access www.miamidade.gov/sba. The SBE/Micro Business Enterprise must be certified by proposal submission deadline, at contract award, and for the duration of the contract to remain eligible for the preference. Firms that graduate from the SBE program during the contract may remain on the contract.

Whenever there are two best ranked proposals that are substantially equal and only one of the two so ranked proposals is submitted by a Proposer entitled to a selection factor, the selection factor shall be the deciding factor for award.

4.5 Local Certified Service-Disabled Veteran's Business Enterprise Preference

This Solicitation includes a preference for Miami-Dade County Local Certified Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises in accordance with Section 2-8.5.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County. A VBE is entitled to receive an additional five percent (5%) of the total technical evaluation points on the technical portion of such Proposer's proposal. If a Miami-Dade County Certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE) measure is being applied to this Solicitation, a VBE which also qualifies for the SBE measure shall not receive the veteran's preference provided in this section and shall be limited to the applicable SBE preference.

4.6 Price Evaluation

After the evaluation of the technical proposal, in light of the oral presentation(s) if necessary, the County will evaluate the price proposals of those Proposers remaining in consideration.

The price proposal will be evaluated subjectively in combination with the technical proposal, including an evaluation of how well it matches Proposer's understanding of the County's needs described in this Solicitation, the Proposer's assumptions, and the value of the proposed services. The pricing evaluation is used as part of the evaluation process to determine the highest ranked Proposer. The County reserves the right to negotiate the final terms, conditions and pricing of the contract as may be in the best interest of the County.

4.7 Local Preference

The evaluation of competitive solicitations is subject to Section 2-8.5 of the Miami-Dade County Code, which, except where contrary to federal or state law, or any other funding source requirements, provides that preference be given to local businesses (see **Form A-4**). If, following the completion of final rankings by the Review Team, a non-local Proposer is the highest ranked responsive and responsible Proposer, and the ranking of a responsive and responsible local Proposer is within 5% of the ranking obtained by said non-local Proposer, then the Review Team will recommend that a contract be negotiated with said local Proposer.

4.8 Negotiations

The County may award a contract on the basis of initial offers received, without discussions. Therefore, each initial offer should contain the Proposer's best terms from a monetary and technical standpoint.

The Review Team will evaluate, score and rank proposals, and submit the results of their evaluation to the County Mayor or designee with their recommendation. The County Mayor or designee will determine with which Proposer(s) the County shall negotiate, if any, taking into consideration the Local Preference Section above. In his sole discretion, the County Mayor or designee may direct negotiations with the highest ranked Proposer, negotiations with multiple Proposers, or may request best and final offers.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the County and said Proposer(s) cannot reach agreement on a contract, the County reserves the right to terminate negotiations and may, at the County Mayor's or designee's discretion, begin negotiations with the next highest ranked Proposer(s). This process may continue until a contract acceptable to the County has been executed or all proposals are rejected. No Proposer shall have any rights against the County arising from such negotiations or termination thereof.

Any Proposer recommended for negotiations shall:

- a) Complete a Collusion Affidavit, in accordance with Sections 2-8.1.1 of the Miami-Dade County Code as amended by Ordinance 08-113. (If a Proposer fails to submit the required Collusion Affidavit, said Proposer shall be ineligible for award.)

Any Proposer recommended for negotiations may be required to provide to the County:

- a) Its most recent certified business financial statements as of a date not earlier than the end of the Proposer's preceding official tax accounting period, together with a statement in writing, signed by a duly authorized representative, stating that the present financial condition is materially the same as that shown on the balance sheet and income statement submitted, or with an explanation for a material change in the financial condition. A copy of the most recent business income tax return will be accepted if certified financial statements are unavailable.
- b) Information concerning any prior or pending litigation, either civil or criminal, involving a governmental agency or which may affect the performance of the services to be rendered herein, in which the Proposer, any of its employees or subcontractors is or has been involved within the last three years.

4.9 Contract Award

Any contract, resulting from this Solicitation, will be submitted to the County Mayor or designee for approval. All Proposers will be notified in writing when the County Mayor or designee makes an award recommendation. The Contract award, if any, shall be made to the Proposer whose proposal shall be deemed by the County to be in the best interest of the County. Notwithstanding the rights of protest listed below, the County's decision of whether to make the award and to which Proposer shall be final.

4.10 Rights of Protest

A recommendation for contract award or rejection of all proposals may be protested by a Proposer in accordance with the procedures contained in Sections 2-8.3 and 2-8.4 of the County Code, as amended, and as established in Implementing Order No. 3-21.

5.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The anticipated form of agreement is attached. The terms and conditions summarized below are of special note and can be found in their entirety in the agreement:

A. Vendor Registration

Prior to being recommended for award, the Proposer shall complete a Miami-Dade County Vendor Registration Package. Effective June 1, 2008, the new Vendor Registration Package, including a Uniform Affidavit Packet (Affidavit form), must be completed. The Vendor Registration Package, including all affidavits can be obtained by downloading from the DPM website at http://www.miamidade.gov/DPM/vendor_registration.asp or from the Vendor Assistance Unit at 111 N.W. 1st Street, 13th Floor, Miami, FL. The recommended Proposer shall affirm that all information submitted with its Vendor Registration Package is current, complete and accurate, at the time they submitted a response to the Solicitation, by completing an Affirmation of Vendor Affidavit form.

B. Insurance Requirements

The Contractor shall furnish to the County, Department of Procurement Management, prior to the commencement of any work under any agreement, Certificate(s) of Insurance which indicate insurance coverage has been obtained that meets the stated requirements.

C. Inspector General Reviews

According to Section 2-1076 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, as amended by Ordinance No. 99-63, Miami-Dade County has established the Office of the Inspector General which may, on a random basis, perform audits on all County contracts, throughout the duration of said contracts, except as otherwise indicated. The cost of the audit, if applicable, shall be one quarter (1/4) of one (1) percent of the total contract amount and the cost shall be included in any proposed price. The audit cost will be deducted by the County from progress payments to the Contractor, if applicable.

D. User Access Program

Pursuant to Miami-Dade County Ordinance No. 03-192, any agreement issued as a result of this Solicitation is subject to a user access fee under the County User Access Program (UAP) in the amount of two percent (2%). All sales resulting from this Solicitation and the utilization of the County contract price and the terms and conditions identified therein, are subject to the two percent (2%) UAP.

6.0 ATTACHMENTS

Form of Agreement
Proposal Submission Package